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The Executive to the Director

Acting Chief, Interdepartmental Coordinating
and Planning Staff
Foreign Nationalities Branch

Before following the suggestion received by ICAPs from ONA that the FBI be contacted to determine whether they collect and maintain data on foreign nationalities, I should appreciate an instruction from you as to the established relationship between the CIO and the FBI on such matters.

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Mr. Edgar:

Mr. Huddle feels that we should not undertake this project as a CIG responsibility at this time.

He does feel, however, that we should have information available on foreign groups, insofar as their attitudes and reactions may reflect the national attitudes and reactions toward the United States in their home countries.

He suggests that FBI be contacted to determine whether they collect and maintain such data, and if not, that they be requested to do so for us.

This seems reasonable to me. I'm so swamped with priority organizational problems now that I recommend another of our men to make this contact and follow through.

Portions of the overall mission prescribed in attached draft will automatically fall within currently planned CIG operational functions, such as:

- Foreign Patents
- Foreign Business and Industry
- Minorities groups abroad
- Foreign Labor Groups

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☒ EDGAR

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INFORMATION

PREPARE REPLY

APPROVAL

ACTION

COMMENT

CONCURRENCE

RETURN TO

REMARKS

Should we go to 800?
Try then to talk?

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE GROUP

In connection with the study currently being conducted by the Special Organization Committee, it is recommended that a Foreign Nationalities Branch be established in CIG.

Although the functions of this group were initially included in the overall mission of Special Operations, it was finally decided by the Committee that the objective of such an activity should be research rather than operations.

Attached is a statement of the proposed functions of such a branch.

~~WILLIAM W. QUINN
Colonel, Inf.
Director~~

Attachment

STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONS
FOREIGN NATIONALITIES BRANCH

General:

1. Will procure significant foreign intelligence (political, economic, military, technological) through foreign language groups and foreign nationals in the U. S. Emphasis will ^{also} be placed on intelligence indicated by foreign patents and foreign labor and ~~trade~~ connections, in addition to political information.

2. To this end will maintain current and complete survey of:

a) Foreign nationals in the U. S. and parent organizations

b) Foreign language groups (minorities) in the U. S. and their connections with organizations of activity in their country of origin.

3. Will digest, collate, analyze foreign intelligence collected ~~fr~~ from foreign nationals or foreign groups in the U. S. for the purpose of preparing special studies on foreign nationals,

4. To study and compile special reports on foreign minorities on a world-wide basis, e.g., the composition, strength, organization and political significance of Georgian minorities outside USSR, ~~the~~ ~~Foreign~~.

Consent Division

1. Will maintain review of the entire foreign language press in the U. S. to obtain information on:

- a) Intelligence from and significant attitudes towards activities and personalities of the home country concerned, e.g., Zionist press on Palestine and Middle East,
- b) Indications of policies and intentions of foreign

governments from propaganda and pressures effective in domestic foreign language groups, e.g., Croat press on development of opposition to Tito Government in Yugoslavia or Republican Spanish press ~~on~~ on strength and weakness of Franco Government.

c) Identity, whereabouts and special significance of foreign-speaking groups, their key individuals, meetings, societies, etc.

2. Will maintain analytical data on foreign language individuals and groups of special intelligence interest by means of/
(1) above, intercepts, ^{and} interviews, ~~and investigations~~.
3. Will interview, obtain diplomatic documents and otherwise collect useful intelligence from foreign language groups.
4. Will evaluate, collate, synthesize and ~~disseminate~~ ^{distribute} information collected as in 3.
5. Will make detailed study on special topics on the basis of data or information obtained as above.

II Foreign Minorities Division:

1. Will ascertain and maintain records on intentions, activities and ~~ereports~~ ^{reports} of foreign minorities groups in the U. S.
2. Will collect foreign intelligence through activities and representatives of foreign minorities in the U. S.
3. Will collect from all sources, collate and analyze information on foreign minorities, including dissident, resurgent groups outside of their home countries.
4. In addition to maintain a current survey of significant foreign minorities groups, will prepare studies on special topics concerning foreign minorities.

III. Foreign Export Division:

1. Will maintain current data on significant foreign organizations engaged in trade with the U. S. This will include information on plans and connections of such organizations, their U. S. representatives, special trade interests, methods of finance, ^{Types of purchases etc} ~~communications, transportation, etc.~~
2. Through such data and from foreign trade sources will collect useful intelligence concerning foreign economic plans, deficiencies, secret agreements, etc. *910-15*

IV. Foreign Labor Division:

1. Will maintain current data on all connections of foreign language groups or others in the U. S. with foreign or international labor organizations.
2. Through such data and from sources in the U. S. will collect, correlate and analyze intelligence concerning foreign or international labor organizations.
3. Through labor sources, leads and indications will collect foreign intelligence.

V. Foreign Patents Division:

1. Will maintain current data on ^{person} individuals and organizations in the U. S., especially foreign language groups connected with the development or application of foreign patents.
2. Through such data and from sources in the U. S. will collect information about foreign patents.